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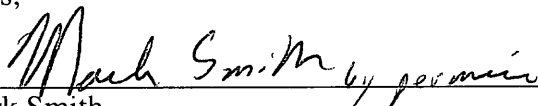
Re: Complaint of US LEC of Tennessee Inc. of Tennessee, Inc. Against
Electric Power Board of Chattanooga
Docket No. 02-00562

Dear Ms. Beals:

Counsel for EPB and US LEC of Tennessee Inc. jointly request a brief suspension of the current procedural schedule in the above-captioned matter. The parties are currently trying to arrive at a mutually convenient hearing date but require an additional few days to complete this process. Therefore, in the interim, we ask that the current schedule be suspended.

Very truly yours,


Henry Walker
Counsel for US LEC


Mark Smith
Counsel for EPB

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